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Convened with Rachael Baptist Church, Wilkes County, N. C., October 3, 4, and 5, 1952.

Service introduced by Elder Ivan Dameron, by reading part of the third chapter of Revelations, song "How Sweet The Name of Jesus Sounds." Prayer by Elder Dameron.

Introductory Sermon by Elder Charlie Miles. Text: Romans 4:3 "What Saith The Scriptures."

Intermission 30 minutes.

Delegates reassembled in the house. Song, "Come We That Love The Lord." Association called to order by the Moderator. Elder M. C. Dillard made some timely remarks and offered prayer.

Called for Associational letters. 16 were handed in and read by the clerk. Delegates seated.

On motion invite newly constituted churches or any Regular Baptist church of the same faith and order. None came.

On motion elect a Moderator and Clerk by tellers and appoint Brethren T. A. Miles, J. N. Royal and A. M. Holbrook, tellers, who report Elder A. C. Sidden, Moderator and Elder Charlie Miles, Clerk. Report received.

On motion invite correspondents of the same faith and order. A letter was received from the Union Association of Alleghany County, N. C., and the following brethren came forward and were seated: Elders H. F. Royal, M. C. Tedder, Brethren Reece Bedsaul, F. S. Delp and F. M. Joines.

On motion invite Transients and Visitors of the same faith and order. Elder W. S. Akers, from Kentucky came forward and was seated.

On motion we empower the Moderator to make all temporary appointments. The following committees were appointed:

On Ministry: G. M. Royal, Carl Wood, T. A. Miles.

On Finance: Watson Durham, M. A. Blackburn, D. L. Holbrook.

On Arrangements: Elders G. R. Cox, M. C. Dillard, J. I. Billings, C. C. Burcham, J. C. Harrold.

On Obituaries: B. C. Speaks, J. N. Royal, Elder Ivan Dameron.

On Temperance: Elder M. F. Barker, J. P. Brooks, Herman Holbrook.

On Time, Place and Preacher: A. M. Holbrook, Curtis Johnson, John R. Royal.

On Resolutions: A. R. Pardue, B. F. Norman, M. C. Brown.

To write Corresponding Letter and appoint Correspondents: Elder Charlie Miles, M. W. Brown, F. A. Royal.

Committee on Ministry Report: For tonight, Elders C. C. Burcham, Ivan Dameron, J. C. Harrold.

For tomorrow: Elders M. C. Dillard, G. R. Cox, H. F. Royal.

On motion adjourn until tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. Spend 30 minutes in Devotional Exercise.

Remarks by Elder W. S. Akers.

Moderator called on Elder J. C. Harrold to close. Song, "Am I A Soldier Of The Cross." Prayer by Elder Harrold.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 7:30

Service introduced by Elder C. C. Burcham, reading St. Matthew 25-1 to 30. Song, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Elder A. C. Sidden.

First Sermon by Elder Ivan Dameron. Text: Hebrews 10:7, "Lo, I come in the volume of the Book it is written of me. to do thy will oh God."

Second Sermon: Elder J. C. Harrold. Text, Acts 9:6, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do."

Song and handshake.

Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday.

Song Service conducted by Elder A. C. Sidden. Prayers by Brother T. A. Miles and Elder M. C. Dillard.

Association called to order by Moderator.

Association opened by Elder G. R. Cox. Reading Hebrews 13-1-3, and offering prayer.

Called on Committee on Arrangements to report.

On motion received the report and take up items as they appear.

1. Called roll and marked absentees.

2. Extended an invitation to newly constituted churches. None came.

3. Extended an invitation to Corresponding Brethren of same faith and order. Elders Claude Bartley, G. W. Brooks and Brother J. R. Miles came forward and were seated.

4. Invited Transients and Visitors of same faith and order: Brethren J. Q. Walker and G. F. Lyon accepted seats.

5. On motion elect the Clerk, Treasurer, instruct them to have

1,000 copies of this minutes printed and distributed according to contribution of the churches. He to have $20 for his services.

6. Called on Committee on Temperance to report. They report: We the Committee on Temperance submit the following:

We advise our members to be temperate in thought, word and deed, ready to forgive and to shun the appearance of evil.

Remarks by Elders Charlie Miles, M. F. Barker, A. C. Sidden.

J. H. HOLBROOK,
J. P. BROOKS,
M. F. BARKER, Committee

Report received.

7. Called on Committee on Obituaries to report. They report 11 handed in. Report received and Obituaries ordered printed.

B. C. SPEAKS,
J. N. ROYAL,
ELDER IVAN DAMERON,
Committee

8. Called on Committee on Resolutions to report. They report:

We the Committee on Resolutions submit the following:

We thank God that we have met again in peace, we are thankful for the presence of the corresponding brethren and visitors.

We advise our churches to be very careful and stick to the old platform of religion.

That we extend a hearty welcome to all churches that may visit us from time to time.

That we read the Word of God more, that we might be able to help someone to Christ. May we keep our tongues bridled, unless we can speak good about our brother or sister.

We thank God for his blessings during the past year and for this another association.

May we live in peace and love always.

A. R. PARDUE,
B. F. NORMAN,
M. C. BROWN, Committee

Report received.

9. Called on Committee on Ministry to report. They report, for tonight: Elders M. F. Barker, J. I. Billings, G. W. Brooks. For Sunday, J. R. Miles to open services. First sermon, Elder Claude Bartley; Second, Elder W. S. Akers; Third, Elder A. C. Sidden.

G. M. ROYAL,
T. A. MILES,
CARL WOOD, Committee

Report received.

10. Called for corresponding letter to The Union Association. Corresponding letter:

To The Union Baptist Association,
Of Alleghany County, N. C.

Greetings:

We The Primitive Baptist Association now in session, at Rachael Baptist Church, Wilkes County, N. C., still desiring a Christian correspondence with your body, in order to strengthen ourselves and that we may also help both you and ourselves to sincerely contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, have chosen of our brethren to bear this letter to you: Elders A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, Ivan Dameron, G. R. Cox, M. F. Barker, Brethren J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, Clay Royal, D. L. Holbrook, M. W. Brown, H. W. Cox.

We feel you will receive this letter with the brethren and trust that their presence among you may make our love and friendship stronger.

Love and peace abounds among us at this setting. We invite you to pray that both our love and yours may grow stronger, that God's name may be honored and glorified thereby.

May peace and love ever abound with you.

Done by order of the association and assigned in behalf of the same, this the 4th day of October, 1952.

M. W. BROWN,
F. A. ROYAL,
CHARLIE MILES, Committee

On motion receive the letter.

The next session of the Union Association will be held with Cherry Lane Baptist Church, at Cherry Lane, N. C.

11. Called on correspondents of last year to report: Elders A. C. Sidden, Charlie Miles, G. R. Cox, Ivan Dameron, Brethren G. M. Royal, J. N. Royal report having attended and were kindly received.

On motion receive their report and excuse those who failed.

12. Called on Committee on Finance to report. They report received from the churches $137.15.

WATSON DURHAM,
M. A. BLACKBURN,
D. L. HOLBROOK, Committee

Report received.

13. Called on Treasurer of last year to report. He reports:

Balance in hands of Treasurer from last year	$ 71.42	
Received from Finance Committee, 1951	109.76	
Total		$181.18
Paid for printing minutes	$126.00	
Clerk Fees	20.00	
Total		$146.00
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$ 35.18

CHARLIE MILES, Treasurer, 1951

Report received.

14. Called on Committee on Time, Place and Preacher to report. They report: Time, Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1953. Place, Zion Baptist Church. To preach introductory sermon, Elder R. F. Harrold, Alternate Elder J. I. Billings.

A. M. HOLBROOK,
JOHN R. ROYAL,
CURTIS JOHNSON, Committee

Report received.

15. On motion appoint a committee to inquire into the reason for Union Hill Church not being represented at this session. Committee: Elders Charlie Miles, A. C. Sidden and Ivan Dameron.

16. On motion we drop Mt. Zion Baptist Church from our list for non-representation for four years.

17. On motion dispense with the reading of the minutes.

18. On motion keep all churches on our list, marking "Not Represented" after the name of any that do not represent, until such time as the Association may dispose of the same.

19. On motion adjourn to time and place of our next association. Closing prayer by Elder A. C. Sidden. Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

ELDER A. C. SIDDEN, Moderator
ELDER CHARLIE MILES, Clerk

SATURDAY, 1:00 P. M.

Opening prayer by Elder C. E. Bartley.

First Sermon Elder M. C. Dillard, Text: St. Matthews 5:17, "I come not to destroy but to fulfill."

Second Sermon, Elder G. R. Cox. Text: 2nd Timothy, 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

Prayer by Elder A. C. Sidden. Benediction by Elder Charlie Miles.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P. M.

First sermon, Elder M. F. Barker. Text: St. Matthew, 5:9. "Blessed are the peacemakers." Prayer, Elder D. O. Cleary.

Second sermon, Elder J. L. Billings, Text: Isaiah 45.22, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else."

Third sermon, Elder D. O. Cleary, Text: St. Luke 1:37: "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Song: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Benediction by Brother Elton Byrd.

SUNDAY, 10:30 A. M.

Song service, 30 minutes.

Service introduced by Brother J. R. Miles, reading fourth chapter of Ephesians, making timely comment and offering prayer.

First sermon, Elder Cleo Crouse, Text: Jeremiah 6:16, "Ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Second Sermon, Elder W. S. Akers, Text, St. John, 4:4; "And He must needs go through Samaria."

Third Sermon, Elder A. C. Sidden. Text, Revelations, 2:10: "Fear none of these things which thou shalt suffer—Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Song and handshake, thus closing one of the most lovely sessions of the Primitive Association.

Benediction by Elder G. R. Cox.

ROLL OF DELEGATES

ANTIOCH—Santford Lane, Lonnie Perry.

AUSTIN—Watson Durham, Granville Lyon, G. R. Cox, B. C. Speaks, Ivan Dameron

BETHANY—M. A. Blackburn, Glenn Wood, Noah Blackburn, Tommy Brewer, E. M. Wiles.

CENTER—A. Hincher.

DOUBLE CREEK—A. M. Holbrook, D. L. Holbrook.

GARDEN CREEK—J. P. Brooks, M. C. Brown, Nora Gilliam, Mattie Brown.

LIBERTY KNOB—J. N. Royal, G. M. Royal, F. A. Royal, Elmer Wood, Clay Royal.

MINING RIDGE—S. M. Golden, B. F. Norman, J. C. Walls, Hayden Moxley.

MOUNTAIN VALLEY—J. H. Stamper, C. A. Stamper, Charlie Stamper, Quincey Wagoner.

NEW COVENANT—T. A. Miles, M. C. Dillard.

OAK LEVEL—M. F. Barker, Robert Barker, Monroe Thomas, J. M. Cockerham, D. C. Gentry.

RACHAEL—Curtis Johnson, J. R. Dimmette, Jim Wood, J. G. Billings, Carl Wood.

ROARING RIVER—A. C. Sidden, M. W. Brown, Walter McBride, C. C. Sidden, Herman Holbrook.

ROUND HILL—A. R. Pardue, Claude Billings.

ROUND MOUNTAIN—J. C. Felts, J. C. Harrold, J. I. Billings, C. C. Burcham, S. M. Shumate.

UNION—Charlie Miles, John R. Royal, H. W. Cox, Lewis Spicer.

UNION HILL—Not Represented.

ZION—R. F. Harrold, J. A. Harrold, Martin Harrold.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Adams, H. A.	R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Barker, M. F.	R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Barker, Olen	R. 1, Roaring River, N. C.
Barker, W. D.	State Road, N. C.
Billings, John I.	Hays, N. C.
Burcham, C. C.	R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cleary, D. O.	North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Cox, G. R.	Thurmond, N. C.
Dameron, Ivan	R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Dillard, M. C.	Hays, N. C.
Dillard, D. M.	R. 1, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, J. C.	R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Harrold, R. F.	Hays, N. C.
Miles, Charlie	Traphill, N. C.
Sidden, A. C.	Joynes, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Byrd, Elton	R. 2, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Hanks, McKinley	Springfield, N. C.
Holbrook, L. B.	R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Spicer, J. M.	R. 1, Traphill, N. C.
Wagoner, Allen	McGrady, N. C.

OBITUARIES

WILEY MONROE ROYAL

Wiley Monroe Royal, son of the late John W. Royal and Jane Brooks Royal, born July 7, 1876, died July 27, 1952, making his stay on earth 76 years, 20 days. Married to Mary Jane Woodruff, November 9, 1901. To this union was born seven children, all living; Esca Royal and Mrs. H. V. Durham of Elkin, N. C., Earl, Lester, John, Bessie Royal Holbrook and Mrs. Janie Royal Hawkins, of Thurmond, N. C.

In addition to his widow and children, he is survived by 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, three sisters: Mrs. Louella Royal Miles, Cherrylane, N. C.; Mrs. Mary Royal Warren, Traphill, N. C.; Miss Lessie Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.; four brothers: Nathan Royal, Roaring Gap, N. C.; Franklin Royal, Cherrylane, N. C.; Quincey Royal, Powell, Wyoming; Millard Royal, Elkin, N. C.; and as many friends as he had acquaintances.

He professed a hope in Christ while a young man and became a charter member of Union church, being baptized in 1925. He served as clerk and deacon of his church for a number of years. He was interested in the Church and Sunday School work and was always glad to discuss the Bible and better things of life with his friends. His door was always open to ministers and friends of religion.

So loving and true, with all that he knew,
A friend of God most high,
He lived his years, through joy and tears,
He knew that he must die,

So while a youth, believed Bible truth,
And became a child of God,
And through all strife, he lived the life,
While here on earth he trod.

With every breath, while meeting death,
His God to him was dear,
He fell asleep, but please do not weep,
We lose his presence here.

But in the bye and bye, in the home on high,
Where never comes a pain,
We may unite, in robes of white,
And never part again.

With sinless hands, where our Saviour stands,
And His own face is light,
To forever praise, in endless days,
Where faith is lost in sight.

Funeral services conducted from Roaring Gap Baptist Church by Elders Charlie Miles, of Traphill, N. C., and Elder A. C. Sidden, of Joynes, N. C. Songs: "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," "Where We'll Never Grow Old," "Death Is Only A Dream."

Burial in the church cemetery, Roaring Gap Church, near Thurmond, N. C.

JAMES L. WOOD

James L. Wood, born July 22, 1877, died August 20, 1952, making his stay on earth 75 years, 28 days.

Was first married to Dora Wiles, who died November 7, 1904. To this union was born one child, Estelle Wood Wiles who survives.

On November 8, 1907 he was married the second time to Cora Gilliam. To this union was born eight children.

He is survived by his wife and six children: Charlie Wood, Claude Wood, Mrs. Lillian Gentry, Hays, N. C.; Mrs. Lucy Mize, Johnie Wood, Statesville, N. C.; Fred Wood, Princeton, W. Va.; and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mary Brewer, Hays, N. C.

He was preceded in death by two children, Ina Pearl Wood, Hays, N. C. and Howard Wood, Statesville, N. C.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined the Round Mountain Baptist Church, August 11, 1893 and lived a faithful member until death. He served his church as a clerk for about 19 years.

We believe our loss is his eternal gain.

A loved one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still
A chair is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

Thou are gone our precious father,
Never more we'll see thy face,
Till we meet thee over the river,
In that happy dwelling place.

ROSINA ORSBORNE MILLER

Rosina Orsborne Miller, born October 30, 1871, died August 26, 1952. Age 80 years, nine months, 25 days.

In early life she professed a hope in Christ and united with Laurel Springs Methodist Church in Alleghany County. She later moved her membership to Center Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until death.

She was married to Wiley P. Miller, October 13, 1889. To this union was born seven children, six of whom are surviving: W. A. and J. C. Miller, North Wilkesboro, R. I., N. C., C. R. Miller, Hatcher, W. Va.; W. L. Miller, Statesville, N. C.; Mrs. Annie Faw, Millers Creek, N. C.; Miss Florence of the home. One son preceded her in death. Funeral services were held at Cross Roads Church, August 28, 1952. Elder D. M. Dillard and C. D. Hall and Allen Whittington officiating.

DOROTHY HARRIS COPE

Dorothy Harris Cope, born June 20, 1914. Died February 11, 1952, making her stay on earth 37 years, seven months and 21 days.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Rachael Baptist Church in early life where she remained a member until death.

She was married to H. B. Cope, November 23, 1935. Surviving are the husband and three children, her father and mother, seven sisters and three brothers.

A dear one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

LONNIE STAMPER

Lonnie Stamper, born April 11, 1902, died September 19, 1951, making his stay on earth 49 years, five months and eight days.

Married to Zadia Underwood, April 14, 1925. Unto this union was born nine children, one died in infancy. The living are: Mrs. J. T. Patterson, Reddies River, N. C.; James Stamper, Reddies River, N. C.; Mrs. J. G. Reynolds, North Wilkesboro, N. C.; Roy Stamper of the U. S. Army; Miss Dorothy Stamper, Dewey, Clyde, and Claude, all of the home. He also has five brothers and two sisters: Johnnie, Arthur, Ira, Cicero and Tommie Stamper, Mrs. Alice Haynes, Mrs. Ellen Elledge and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

In early life he professed a hope in Christ and joined the church at Rock Springs, later moved his membership to Pine View, where he was ordained as a deacon and lived up to his duty as a deacon and member.

He was loved by all who knew him, and will be greatly missed in the church and community.

He was a good husband and father and neighbor in his community.

He endured his suffering with patience and we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Dear husband and father has gone,
Oh how sad, how sad,
And our hearts are grieved with pain,
The pain of death has passed,
Labor and sorrow ceased,
Life's toil closed at last

He has left this world of trouble,
Gone where sorrows are no more,
Gone to meet Jesus and loved ones,
Over on that bright celestial shore.

Written by a brother, Arthur Stamper.

ROBERT M. BROWN

Robert M. Brown, born June 28, 1896, died February 2, 1952, making his stay on earth 55 years, seven months and four days.

Funeral service was held Tuesday February 5, 1952 at Center Baptist Church, with the Pastor Elder D. M. Dillard and Elder Troy Blevins officiating.

OLLIE ROYAL NELSON

Ollie Royal Nelson was born January 8, 1913, died June 23, 1952, age 39 years, five months and 10 days.

Married to Millard Nelson. Unto this union was born nine children, eight living and one dead.

United with Antioch Church by experience and was baptized by Elder J. C. Harrold.

She was the daughter of Elder N. G. and Mary Royal. She was a good mother and neighbor and was loved by all who knew her.

The place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.

Written by her brother, Elder Franklin Royal.

LOYD H. HOLBROOK

Loyd H. Holbrook, born February 11, 1870, died May 30, 1952, age 82 years, four months and 19 days.

Married to Emma Sparks. To this union was born five children, four boys and one girl, all living: Bettie Holbrook Brown, Olds, Alberta, Canada; Jr. Olin Holbrook, Red Banks, N. J.; Edward Holbrook, Detroit, Mich; Earl Holbrook, Elkin, N. C.; Paul Holbrook, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

He professed a hope in Christ and joined Traphill Baptist Church on the fourth Saturday in September, 1924. He moved his membership to Roaring River Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member until death.

His wife preceded him in death by eight days.

Weep not for me dear children,
Let this not grieve your heart,
But meet me up in Heaven,
Where we will never, never part.

EMMA SPARKS HOLBROOK

Emma Sparks Holbrook, born May 19, 1878, died May 22, 1952, age 74 years and three days.

Married to Loyd H. Holbrook and to this union was born five children, all living: Bettie Holbrook Brown, Olds, Alberta, Canada; Jr. Olin Holbrook, Red Banks, N. J.; Edward Holbrook, Detroit, Mich.; Earl Holbrook, Elkin, N. C.; Paul Holbrook, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Traphill Baptist Church on the fourth Saturday in September, 1924, moved her membership to Roaring River Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member until death.

Farewell dear husband and children,
Gone from this world of trouble,
Gone where no sorrow comes,
Gone to be with Jesus and loved ones,
Over on the other shore.

SARAH SPICER ALEXANDER

Sarah Spicer Alexander, born October 7, 1858, died October 15, 1951, making her stay on earth 93 years, and eight days.

She died at her Longbottom ancestral home, near Abshers in Wilkes County after being ill for two months.

She was the widow of Freeland H. Alexander who died 24 years ago.

Surviving are three sons, J. H. Alexander, Abshers, N. C.; S. V. and C. C. Alexander, Crumpler, N. C.; two daughters: Mrs. E. E. Harris, Elkin, N. C.; Mrs. R. M. Chastain, Idaho Falls, Idaho; 27 grandchildren, 40 great grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted at Double Creek Church Wednesday of which she was a member. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we love is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
That never can be filled.

LUCY LOUISE ROYAL SEXTON

Lucy Louise Royal Sexton, daughter of George M. Royal and Grace McKnight Royal, born January 20, 1931, departed this life April 22, 1952, age 21 years, three months and two days.

LUCY LOUISE ROYAL SEXTON

Married to Billy Sexton, October 25, 1950. To this union one daughter was born, Glenda Kay.

She was killed Tuesday, April 22, 1952, when she fell while descending a 59 foot Forest Fire Observation Tower at Roaring Gap, where she was on duty. She was alone when she communicated with the fire warden of Ashe County, and said she was sick, other wardens heard and sent the message to her home. Her mother and Bettie Joe, with two neighbors, rushed to the scene, to find her lying at the foot of the tower, unconscious. She was rushed to the Hospital at Sparta, where she passed peacefully away at 5.00 P. M.

Louise is gone, but the influence of her beautiful character and charming personality will linger here among her people. The best of all we feel she was prepared to meet God in peace.

She professed a hope in Christ and joined Liberty Knob Baptist Church and lived a true and faithful member until death.

We read in the Bible "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God," also "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints."

She is survived by her husband and the little darling babe, her father and mother and three sisters: Mrs. Ruth Fox, Miss Thelma Royal, Miss Bettie Joe Royal; nine brothers: Herman, Sam, Raymond, Edward, Dwight, Andy, Mack, George Jr., Clyde and R. C. Royal, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Cherrylane Baptist Church by Elders Fred Dancy, A. F. Walker and Claude Bartley, on Sunday. Burial was delayed until Monday on account of her husband, returning from Germany where he was serving in the U. S. Army.

Asleep in Jesus, Blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep,
Freed from suffering, toil and pain,
We hope our loss is her great gain.

Written by request of the family, by

C. S. McKnight,
Charlie Miles.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be known by the name of Primitive Baptist Association, and shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent in the Association; who on producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to the seats. Each church shall be entitled to five delegates. In their letters is to be expressed their number in full fellowship, baptized, received by letter, by application and good recommendation, dismissed by letter, excluded, and dead since last Association.

2. The number thus chosen and convened shall have no power to Lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in her union.

3. The Association when convened shall be governed by a regular decorum.

4. The Association shall have a Moderator and Secretary, who shall be chosen annually by a majority of the votes of the members present, a majority of the churches being represented.

5. New churches of any regular Baptist church of Jesus Christ of our Faith and Order in good standing, either dismissed by letter from Sister Associations, or by application and good recommendation, by sending up letter and delegates shall be admitted into the union.

6. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of its proceedings, the best method of accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

9. We think it necessary to have an association fund to defray the expenses of the Association, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those moneys shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same, and the Association shall appropriate the money thus contributed to any purpose they may think proper.

10. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

12. Amendment to this form of Government may be made at any

time, by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it expedient, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

13. The Association shall act as advisory council and shall endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches and give advice in matters of difficulty.

14. The Association shall inquire into the cause if any church fails to represent at any time in the Association.

15. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in her union that shall violate the rules of this Constitution or deviate from the orthodox principles of the Gospel.

16. The Association may correspond with Sister Associations and invite any brother in the ministry in good standing or that can bring a good recommendation of his standing who may be of our faith and order to a seat in the Association, who may be present at the time of its sitting.

17. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any future time or place it may think proper.

18. The benevolent institutions of the day shall be no bar nor test to fellowship, but all shall be free to sustain or not sustain the same as they may choose.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

3. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator, until he is done speaking.

4. He shall strictly adhere to his subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before, by making remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as clearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

5. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association, without liberty obtained from the body, for his absence.

6. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in time of public speech.

8. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member, nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he violates the Rules of Decorum.

10. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Secretary and called over as often as the Association requires.

11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the casting vote.

12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as shall be deemed proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are One.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election by Grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin, and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the spirit of God, shall never finally fall away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and we believe the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the Resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteousness and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinance of the Gospel, except such as the regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	SECRETARY	No. Teachers	No. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Months Kept Open
Austin	B. C. Speaks	Bertha Caudill	4	64	46	12
Bethany	Willie Roope	Pearl Caudill	4	64	45	12
Center	J. H. Reavis	Geo. Gambill	6	99	65	12
Double Creek	Claude Sidden	Ella Johnson	3	36	24	9
New Covenant	T. A. Miles	Lorene Baldwin	4	45	35	9
Oak Level	Alton Carter	Myrtle Lee Byrd	6	90	75	12
Rachael	Curtis Johnson	Bonnie Ree Howard	4	66	38	12
Round Hill	A. R. Pardue	Eddie Triplett	3	47	31	9
Union	Tom Eidson	H. W. Cox	4	60	45	12
	TOTAL		38	571	404	11

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	Sat. of Ch. Meeting	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Application	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contributions	Time of Communion Meeting
Antioch	Lon Billings, R. J. Toliver	Lonnie Perry, McGrady	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	36	5.00	Sept.
Austin	Ivan Dameron	B. C. Speaks, R1, Traphill	2	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	76	12.25	July
Bethany	Hillery Blevins	Curtis Wood, R2, North Wilkesboro	0	1	4	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	116	10.00	July
Center	D. M. Dillard	S. B. Absher, Box 291, N. Wilkesboro	2	0	1	11	5	0	0	4	0	2	161	6.00	Aug.
Double Creek	Arthur Gambill, Ivan Dameron	A. M. Holbrook, Abshers	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	49	4.50	Aug.
Garden Creek	Charlie Miles	J. P. Brooks, R1, Traphill	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	5.00	Aug.
Liberty Knob	Cleo Crouse	J. N. Royal, Roaring Gap	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	42	16.50	Aug.
Mining Ridge	G. R. Cox	S. M. Golden, State Road	1	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	33	5.00	Aug.
Mountain Valley	Arthur Gambill, Uriah Hanks, Lonnie Felts	J. H. Stamper, McGrady	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	81	6.00	Aug.
New Covenant	G. R. Cox	T. A. Miles, Dockery	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	123	5.50	Aug.
Oak Level	M. F. Barker, Olin Barker	Robert Barker, Roaring River	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	107	10.00	Aug.
Rachael	Charlie Miles, L. F. Sparks	Curtis Johnson, Roaring River	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	176	11.10	Aug.
Roaring River	A. C. Sidden, Ivan Dameron	Etta Brown, Traphill	1	2	4	4	0	0	1	3	0	2	132	14.00	July
Round Hill	L. E. Sparks	A. R. Pardue, Traphill	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	96	3.00	Aug.
Round Mountain	R. F. Harrold, J. I. Billings	J. C. Felts, Hays	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	75	7.30	Aug.
Union	Charlie Miles	John R. Royall, Thurmond	1	0	2	7	2	0	0	1	0	1	54	10.00	July
Union Hill	Not Represented														
Zion	D. C. Miller, R. F. Harrold	James A. Harrold, Hays	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	69	6.00	Aug.
	TOTALS		15	5		36	16	3	2	25	1	14	1439	137.15	

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